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SUBJECT: POSITION OF ADG AGRICULTURE IN FAO

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1. DDG JACKSON CALLED LATE THURSDAY TO SAY BOERMA HAD JUST ASKED HIM INFORM U.S. HE HAS DECIDED MAKE WIDESPREAD SEARCH FOR BEST POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO INCUMBENT ADG AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT. NATIONALS FROM ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT THOSEPRESENTLY HAVING AN ADG POST AT HEADQUARTERS OR IN THE REGIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BUT DG "HIGHLY INTERESTED" IN U.S. SUPPLYING CANDIDATE.

2. JACKSON MADE CLEAR DG NOT CONSIDERING ANY INTERNAL U.S. NATIONALS FOR THIS POST. ALSO SAID BOERMA NOT IMPRESSED WITH QUALIFICATIONS CANDIDATE SUGGESTED TO HIM BY RECENT ROME VISITOR, BUT SUSPECTED CANDIDATE WAS NOT OFFICIAL U.S. CHOICE. FODAG ASSURED JACKSON THAT WAS THE CASE. WE WERE AWAITING WORD FROM BOERMA BEFORE APPROACHING PERSONS WHOM WE FELT US WOULD WISH ENDORSE.

3. AS WASHINGTON AWARE GREEN LIGHT ON SUPPLYING CANDIDATE FOR THIS POST REQUESTED MORE THAN TWO MONTHS AGO. THE DELAY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONDING DESPITE FREQUENT REMINDERS AND PRESENT STATEMENT RE

WORLDWIDE LOOK RAISES DOUBT HERE AS TO WHETHER US CANDIDATE
TRULY WANTED. NEVERTHELESS, BALL NOW IN OUR COURT.

4. FACT DG PLANNING VISIT WASHINGTON MAY 6-7 AND HOPES FOR
HIGH LEVEL VISITS HAS UNDOUBTEDLY PROMPTED RESPONSE. RECOMMEND
WE MAKE URGENT SEARCH FOR ONE OR TWO WELL-QUALIFIED AND
AVAILABLE PERSONS, WHOM WE CAN RECOMMEND TO BOERMA AND PREFERABLY
HAVE INTERVIEWED BY HIM DURING HIS TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON.
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